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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG EG
SUBJECT: EGYPT EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR BIDS ON SINAI ACREAGE

REF: CAIRO A-106 DATED JUNE 30, 1975

IBRAHIM REDWAN, DIRECTOR OF AGREEMENTS DEPARTMENT,
EGYPTIAN GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION (EGPC), TOLD US
JULY 30 THAT DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING BIDS ON SINAI ACREAGE,
WHICH DESCRIBED REFAIR, HAS BEEN EXTENDED INDEFINITELY.
REDWAN EXPLAINED THAT MINISTRY HAS DECIDED NOT TO DISRUPT
POLITICAL SITUATION "AT THIS TIME" BY CLOSING BIDS AND HOLDING
NEGOTIATIONS FOR AGREEMENTS ON SINAI ACREAGE. RADWAN
INFORMED US THAT , PRIOR TO CURRENT BID SESSION, EGPC HAD
SIX PENDING BIDS FOR SINAI ACREAGE. DURING CURRENT BIDDING
PROCESS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL SIX BIDDERS DROPPED OUT AND A
NEW ONE JOINED, KEEPING TOTAL OF SIX BIDS. REDWAN REFUSED
TO DIVULGE NAMES OF COMPANIES. BASED ON PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS,
WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO AMERICAN COMPANIES
INVOLVED, NAMELY AMOCO AND CONOCO, AND ALSO THAT GERMAN
FIRM OF DEMINEX DESIRES SINAI CONCESSION. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND A
CANADIAN FIRM (UNSPECIFIED) HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST. ACCORDING
OUR INFORMATION, REDWAN HAS SPEND BETTER PART OF LAST TWO
WEEKS IN EUROPE TALKING WITH CONOCO AND DEMINEX ABOUT
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SINAI ACREAGE.

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